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ISRAELI ARMS

VIRGINIA BEACH, VA. (AP)-A BOEING 707 WITH ISRAELI MARKINGS ON ITS TAIL SECTION WAS LOADED WITH MISSILES AND BOMBS AT OCEANA NAVAL AIR STATION TODAY, THE NORFOLK LEDGER-STAR REPORTED.

WHILE THE ARMS -- SPARROW AND SIDEWINDER AIR TO AIR MISSILES -- WERE BEING PUT ABOARD, SAILORS COVERED THE ISRAELI MARKS WITH PAPER AND MASKING TAPE, THEN PAINTED THE COVERING, THE NEWSPAPER QUOTED WITNESSES AS SAYING.

EARLIER TODAY, A C141 AIRCRAFT FROM THE U.S. MILITARY AIRLIFT COMMAND LANDED AT OCEANA AND TAXIED TO A POINT NEAR THE ISRAELI PLANE. THE U.S. PLANE PULLED ALONGSIDE THE AIRCRAFT AND BEGAN OFF-LOADING BOMBS DIRECTLY INTO IT, THE LEDGER-STAR SAID.

CAPT. ROBERT C. MANDEVILLE, COMMANDING OFFICER AT OCEANA, WOULD NOT COMMENT ON THE LOADING.

A SOURCE AT THE AIR STATION TOLD THE NORFOLK NEWSPAPER THAT ANOTHER BOEING 707 WITH ISRAELI MARKINGS WAS LOADED WITH ARMS LAST SATURDAY.

THE SPARROW AND SIDEWINDER MISSILES ARE USED ABOARD F4 PHANTOM II JETS, ISRAEL'S CHIEF FIGHTER PLANES, WHICH ARE MANUFACTURED IN THE UNITED STATES.